



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

FIGHTING LIKE HELL TO PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM



Governor Whitmer is using every tool in her toolbox to protect reproductive freedom in Michigan. She took several bold steps to protect the 2.2 million Michiganders who would lose their bodily autonomy and equal rights if Michigan's 1931 law banning abortion without exceptions for rape or incest and criminalizing doctors and nurses were to go into effect.

Protecting access to safe, legal abortions and reproductive health services

- [Called for](#) passage of the Reproductive Health Act to decriminalize abortions and ensure access to reproductive healthcare.
- [Repealed](#) Michigan's extreme 1931 abortion ban.
- [Signed a law](#) prohibiting employers from discriminating against women because they've had an abortion.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) ordering departments to identify ways to increase protection for reproductive health care under the Michigan constitution.
- Filed a proactive lawsuit and petitioned the Michigan Supreme Court to [protect abortion access](#) for more than 2.2 million Michiganders of reproductive age. Filed [a motion](#) and sent a letter [urging immediate action on her lawsuit](#).
- [Filed](#) and [won](#) a restraining order and later a preliminary injunction to prevent nurses and doctors from being prosecuted for providing reproductive health care.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) instructing state departments to identify and assess opportunities to increase protections for reproductive health, [increase public awareness](#) about the [availability and safety of contraception](#), and not to cooperate with law enforcement of others state going after against anyone for seeking or providing reproductive healthcare.
- Signed an executive order [refusing to extradite women and abortion providers](#) who come to Michigan seeking reproductive freedom.
- Vetoed budget language in every state budget that aimed to [roll back access to abortion](#) and reproductive healthcare.
- Called on the federal government to make [birth control available](#) over the counter without a prescription, [reduce barriers to mifepristone](#), and clarify Michiganders' right to cross the US-Canada border to seek [reproductive health care](#).
- Called on Michigan insurers to make sure women have [coverage for reproductive healthcare](#) and [called on big tech](#) companies to take steps to protect private health and location data that law enforcement agencies in other states have used to go after women seeking reproductive health care.
- Expanded access to [birth control](#) for 200,000 retirees and their families covered by the MPSERS non-Medicare health plan.
- Released guidance to enable pharmacists to prescribe [hormonal birth control](#)
- Announced [new protocols](#) so EMS responders can carry emergency contraception and are prepared to work with sexual assault survivors.
- Consistently [invested](#) in and [expanded Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies](#), an initiative to address disproportionate racial impacts of maternal and infant mortality. Proposed an [expansion](#) to offer more services, continue reducing disparities.
- Sought a waiver to expand "[Plan First!](#)", offering no or low-cost family planning services for Medicaid eligible families. Expanded Plan First! in the [budget](#).
- Established a policy that will guarantee critical medical resources and support to Department of Corrections' [pregnant and post-partum prisoners and their newborns](#).

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